

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims to read as indicated below.

1. (currently amended) An ultrasound imaging system 10, comprising  
a processing system 12 configured to generate ultrasound energy and to de  
signals at ultrasound frequencies; and  
an ultrasound scan head 40 electrically coupled to the processing system  
the assembly 30 scan head including an ultrasound transducer array operatively coupled  
positional actuator 42 having a driven member that rotates in a constant direction about a  
axis to pivot-oscillate the array about a second axis substantially perpendicular to the  
axis, the positional actuator further including a first pivot axis orthogonally intersecting  
second axis and a second pivot axis rotating about the first axis and intersecting the first  
at a constant non-orthogonal angle.
2. (currently amended) The imaging system 10 of claim 1, wherein  
ultrasound scan head 40 includes a positional sensor 44 coupled to the driven member the  
configured to detect a rotational position of the driven member.
3. (currently amended) The imaging system 10 of claim 2, wherein  
processing system 12 further includes a controller 26 electrically coupled to the positio  
actuator 32 to transmit positioning signals to the actuator 32, and to receive positional sig  
from the positional sensor 34.
4. (currently amended) The imaging system 10 of claim 1, wherein  
ultrasound transducer array 30 comprises a planar arrangement of ultrasound transdu  
elements.
5. (currently amended) The imaging system 10 of claim 1, wherein  
ultrasound transducer array 30 comprises a linear arrangement of ultrasound transdu  
elements that is curved along a length of the array.
6. (currently amended) The imaging system 10 of claim 3, furt  
comprising a display coupled to the controller, the display operable to visually disp  
ultrasound images generated by the processor 12.
7. (canceled)
8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) The ultrasound ~~scan head 40~~imaging system claim 71, wherein the positional actuator 42 includes a crank member 56 coupled to a ~~drive shaft 48~~the driven member, the crank member 56 having a receiving portion angled inward towards the first ~~rotational~~ axis, and ~~the pivot member 60 includes a coupling~~, the crank member 56 being coupled to ~~the~~ a pivot member aligned with the first pivot axis 60 by connecting member 58 that is rotatably received by the ~~receiving portion~~crank member one end, and ~~hingeably received~~coupled to the pivot member by the coupling at an opposite end.

10. (currently amended) The ultrasound ~~scan head 40~~imaging system claim 9, further comprising:

a cover 70 positioned proximate to the array that at least partially defines internal volume 72 that contains the array 30, the internal volume 72 sealably containing volume of an acoustic coupling fluid.

11. (currently amended) The ultrasound imaging system~~scan head 40~~ claim 10, wherein the internal volume 72 includes an expandable bladder 76 that adjusts variations in the volume 72 of the acoustic coupling fluid.

12.-20. (canceled)